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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
DIETER BARFURTH, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ZIMMER, MARC S.
SERIAL NO: 10/524,689 :
FILED: JANUARY 12, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1796
FOR: COMPOSITION ACTING AS :
COUPLING AGENT FOR FILLED AND
PEROXIDICALLY CROSSLINKING
RUBBER COMPOUNDS

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2008, and supplemental to the Amendment filed March 21, 2009, Applicants' submit the attached certified English translation of the DE 102 38 369.3 priority document to which the present application claims priority. This is consistent with Applicants' intent, as stated in the Amendment of March 21, 2009.

As noted in the Amendment, the present application has a PCT filing date of June 20, 2003. However, it claims priority to German Patent Application 102 38 369.3, filed August 22, 2002. The Chambers reference was published October 21, 2004, and claims priority to a provisional application filed April 18, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, the submission of the attached certified English translation of the DE 102 38 369.3 priority document perfects priority to the August 22, 2002 filing date of the German application, antedating the Chambers reference. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the

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outstanding rejections over Chambers and allowance of all of the claims of the present application.

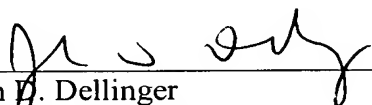
Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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